Letters to The Tech

If many people about themselves from the General Assembly, we face the prospect of:

A. A minority of the student body actually making a decision by virtue of being a majority in the General Assembly. Is this worse than an individual official or a committee making the decision? The answer is, obviously, not generalizable. We may argue, on the one hand, that at least in the General Assembly, and following adequate agenda publicity — those interested will be present and voting with the exception of those who fail to realize that they are interested, or those who could not spare the time, and this exception must not be assumed away. An individual official or a committee, we may argue on the other hand, is presumably better informed.

B. Nevertheless, no claims rely here in the General Assembly (a) organized political parties, (b) a New General Assembly proposal, (c) joint governance.

Jim Smith...

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committees of the board except the electing committee.

According to the National Student Association, Ball State University has student and faculty campaigns. Ohio State has students on several important committees, and at Purdue, the Student Government elects faculty members to powerful faculty committees.

In another controversial area, tenure decisions, students have made strong moves toward autonomy. Oregon has given students a vote on the tenure committee, and at Purdue, the University of Chicago has introduced a student faculty council. In Ohio State, student involvement in the appointment process is accepted. In California, the Berkeley campus has a system of student consultation, hence the apparent for more formal recommendation machinery and the gradual evaluation.

Yale's President, Kingman Brewster, recently argued for the idea that student advice is a valuable tool for decision-making. He noted, however, that he found it useful to make this statement outright, without belaboring the qualification that he would listen "only to the extent that they are primarily motivated by a concern for the quality and integrity of the university." One would expect such qualification; the fact that Brewer believes it suggests a serious lack of full confidence in his students — and, perhaps, full confidence in himself.

The Tech

November 22 through December 5

Director Charles L. Miller, Head of the Department of Civil Engineering, will lecture on "Computers in Urban Problems," given by Dr. Henry M. Morgan, an MIT alumnus and Western Development Laboratories.

November 26 in Room 9-150.

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The Urban Calendar

November 22 through December 5

MIT:

Eve Charles L. Miller, Head of the Department of Civil Engineering, will lecture on "Computers in Urban Research" at a seminar sponsored by Project MAC. The seminar will be held at 3:30 pm in MIT.

Handred/MIT Joint Center for Urban Studies will conduct two seminars from their fall series:

Anthony Downs of the Real Estate Research Corporation will speak on November 26 in Room 4-150.

Saul Alinsky, Executive Director, Industrial Areas Foundation, will speak on December 3 in the Sala de Puerto Rico Room of the Student Center at 8:00 pm.

Tufts University:

Prof. Knox, of Camp, Dresner, and McGee, will speak on "Recent Developments in Water Pollution and Politics," in an Environmental Health Seminar. The seminar will be held on Friday, November 26, at 12:10 pm in Anderson 318.